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SUBJECT: 1971 VISIT OF POET YOLANDE (NIKKI) GIOVANNI

DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EVALUATION PRIVATE VISIT
YOUR COUNTRIES MADE BY AMERICAN POETESS YOLANDE (NIKKI)
GIOVANNI JUNE- AUGUST 1971. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GIOVANNI
WAS INTERVIEWED BY REPORTERS IN IVORY COAST AND GHANA
AND THAT SHE APPEARED ON NIGERIAN TELEVISION. CU/ AF
SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF AWARDED GIOVANNI
A STAG GRANT FOR VISIT TO AFRICA IN LATE 1973, BUT WE
DO NOT WISH TO DO SO IF THERE IS LIKELIHOOD THAT
SHE WOULD BE EMBARRASING TO USG. DECONTROL 3/8/74. ROGERS

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